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**JAMES SMALL NAMED REGIONAL DIRECTOR
OF NLRB'S REGION 21, LOS ANGELES, CA OFFICE**

National Labor Relations Board Chairman Robert J. Battista and General Counsel Ronald Meisburg today announced the appointment of James F. Small as Regional Director of the NLRB's Regional Office in downtown Los Angeles, CA (Region 21). Mr. Small succeeds Victoria Aguayo who retired in May 2007.

A career NLRB employee, Mr. Small has served since September 1996 as Assistant to the Regional Director. In his new role, Mr. Small will oversee the work of the Regional Office and the San Diego Resident Office and supervise the handling of NLRB cases in the geographic area served by Region 21, which includes that part of Los Angeles County east of the 110 Freeway and south of the 210 Freeway, and all of Orange County, Riverside County, Imperial County, and San Diego County.

The NLRB administers and enforces the National Labor Relations Act. It conducts secret-ballot elections to determine if employees desire union representation and investigates and remedies unfair labor practices.

In a statement announcing the appointment, NLRB Chairman Battista and General Counsel Meisburg stated:

Jim Small brings substantial expertise to his new position that will enable him to carry on Region 21's well deserved reputation for innovative leadership, and creative and effective enforcement of the Act. During his years of service with the Agency, Jim has acquired a well-deserved reputation as an expert in his field, who is always accessible to the labor management community. Jim has been active in the Agency's outreach and recruitment programs and has demonstrated a strong commitment to addressing the needs of the public the Agency serves.

Mr. Small joined the NLRB in 1976, as a Field Examiner in the Indianapolis, IN Regional Office (Region 25). In 1980, he transferred to the Baltimore, MD Regional Office (Region 5). In 1984, Mr. Small became a Supervisory Field Examiner in the west-side Los Angeles, CA Regional Office (Region 31). In 1995 and 1996, Mr. Small served as Resident Officer overseeing the Las Vegas, NV Resident Office (Region 28), until he became Assistant to the Regional Director in Region 21 in 1996.

A native of Indiana, Mr. Small received a B.S. degree, *magna cum laude*, in 1974 and a M.P.A degree in 1976 from Ball State University, Muncie, IN. He is active in the Orange County Chapter of the Labor and Employment Relations Association and has served for many years on the group's annual Labor Law Conference Planning Committee.

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